Education Development Finance Corporation

2799. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Education Development Finance Corporation to attain the objective of making India a knowledge super power by 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any committee has been set up by Government to examine the issues related to development of education in the country;

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Education development is a continuous process. A number of Committees/Commissions etc. have been constituted in different sectors of education from time to time. Recommendations of these Committees are generally implemented within the broad framework of the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and Programme of Action, 1992. Efficacy of the implementation and strategies adopted pursuant to the NPE has been reviewed from time to time and appropriate modifications brought about.

Funds for primary school buildings

2800. PROF M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released to States for construction of primary school buildings during the last three years; till date, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many primary schools in rural areas of the country have no buildings;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since primary school buildings are